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In re application of

Docket No: Q79930

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For: DEVICE FOR ESTIMATING NUMBER OF BOARD LAYERS CONSTITUTING BOARD, SYSTEM INCLUDING THE DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR ESTIMATING THE SAME AND PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-236419, published August 23, 1994.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated February 27, 2007, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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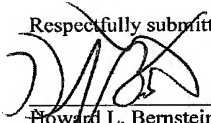
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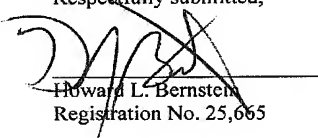
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